



**Recycle More.  
Waste Less.**

## Blue Skies and Blue Bins

*Sprinklers and sparklers, picnics and pool time...summer fun is here! So here's a quick guide to seasonal items that are—and are not—recyclable. Have questions about something not mentioned here? Post them on our Facebook page so everyone can learn! [www.Facebook.com/FrederickRecycles](http://www.Facebook.com/FrederickRecycles)*

**Bulky, rigid plastic items.** Outdoor adventures this time of year seem to use a lot of big plastic stuff. Stuff that breaks. Savor the summer memories, but don't let the debris go to waste; recycle it at our collection center at the landfill!

Remember the key word is **rigid** plastics (not soft, flexible vinyl, films or rubber.) We accept plastic items too large for a curbside cart, such as:

- picnic coolers
- rigid kiddie pools
- garden buckets
- plastic trowels, rakes, etc.
- planters and pots
- lawn chairs and patio furniture
- rain barrels & compost bins
- big wheels
- plastic playground equipment

We do **not** accept:

- garden hoses
- flexible garden edging
- inflatable toys or pools
- extension cords
- vinyl siding
- basketballs, soccer balls, beach balls
- faux grass hula skirts
- slip-and-slides

**Scrap Metal:** At the landfill, we also collect large metal objects for recycling. Any object that is at least 75% metal can be dropped off free of charge...such as: bicycles, barbeque grills (excluding tanks), metal chairs and tables, fencing, etc.

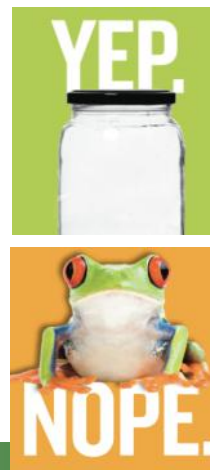
**Curbside Recycling:** Seasonal products and their packaging often leave folks wondering whether or not they can be recycled at the curb. Here's a quick rundown of some common summertime items:

### Yep- It's Recyclable:

- glass jars that were used to catch fireflies
- paperback books (even if they got a little salt water on them)
- empty BBQ sauce bottles (and you can even leave the lid on!)
- empty *bottles* of sunscreen lotion
- empty aerosol cans of bug spray
- nursery pots, planters and "six-packs"
- concert ticket stubs, posters and programs

### Nope- It's Not:

- fireflies
- saltwater taffy wrappers
- disposable cups, forks, plates and napkins
- push-up popsicle wrappers
- empty *tubes* of sunscreen
- potato chip bags
- sparklers or glow sticks
- old CDs, records and tapes



*Remember...*

*When in doubt, throw it out...or go to our website and check it out! ➡ [www.LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org](http://www.LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org)*

## Don't Miss Out on Our FREE Home Composting Classes!

The June classes were a rousing success, so **we've scheduled four more classes for the summer!** Now's *your* chance to learn the art and science of home composting!

Our classes cover the basic principles and keys to success for turning household waste into a great organic landscape amendment...you could be *growing* instead of *throwing* things away!

Composting has great environmental benefits—and economic ones too! Why pay to have your kitchen waste disposed of, then turn around to buy

potting soil and soil enrichments for your garden? **You can save green, go green and develop a green thumb, all by composting!**

**This class is for you if:**

- You've ever tried composting but it didn't work out.
- You want to start composting but aren't sure how.
- You're afraid the process might be smelly. Or gross. Or time-consuming. (It's none of those!)
- You have a compost pile but want to expand your efforts.
- You want to talk with other local home composters.

**The July class dates & times are:**

- Tuesday, 7/12: 6-8pm
- Saturday, 7/16: 10am-12pm
- Thursday, 7/21: 10am-12pm
- Friday, 7/29: 6:30-8:30pm

To register, send an email to:

[recycle@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:recycle@FrederickCountyMD.gov)

or call 301-600-7405.



**Everyone who attends gets handouts and resources to take home, a t-shirt and a half-off voucher towards the purchase of a Geobin composter (they only cost \$10 with the coupon!)**

*If you think that composting is complicated, guess again! It's simple to manage, it's quick to do, it helps your community and it'll make your garden bloom!*

## Carts, Carts, Carts! *A quick guide to those handy blue recycling containers!*

- Carts are the property of Frederick County Government, but you **may mark them in a non-permanent way if you wish to distinguish the cart assigned to your household.** Adhesive lettering, duct or electrical tape are examples of acceptable marking materials. Do not write or paint directly on the cart.
- **Remember, if you move to a new home, the recycling cart doesn't!** Carts are assigned to houses, not homeowners.
- **A second cart may be leased from the County** for a one-time, refundable fee. Please call 301-600-2960 for more information.
- How do you know which way to set your cart out at the curb? It's easy! **The front edge of the cart lid has arrows that should point towards the street** when your cart is set out for collection. And don't forget to set your cart at least 4 feet away from possible obstructions, such as mailboxes, fences or trees.
- **Did you know that there are three sizes of recycling carts available!?** To tell what size you have, take a look at the serial number imprinted on the front of the cart; the first two numbers show the cart size. You may exchange sizes once for no charge.





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# VIDEO CONTEST

**What:** Produce a 60-second ad to promote recycling.

**Why:** To help Frederick County recycle more. And to win a little local fame...and some movie tickets.

**When:** Entries will be accepted April 22 – October 7, 2011.

**Who:** Any resident of Frederick County may enter.

## The Basics:

Submissions must meet at least one of these goals:

- encourage people to recycle more
- explain what is/isn't recyclable
- promote the value of recycling
- help correct common recycling mistakes

One grand prize winner will have their work displayed for 6 weeks at the Regal Cinemas Westview movie theater. Runners-up will have their work shown on FCG-TV and online. All winners will receive free movie passes. Winners will be presented with a certificate by the Board of County Commissioners and have their picture taken with local officials. Interviews with the winners and a press release will go out on America Recycles Day, November 15, 2011.

**What Else?** More info, official rules & entry forms can be found online at: [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/VideoContest](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/VideoContest). Or call 301-600-7405.





## Reminder: Holiday Slide!

### July 4, 2011: Independence Day Holiday

The Department of Solid Waste Management offices and facilities will be closed Monday July 4th. There will be no curbside collection of recyclables. All collection days for the remainder of the week will slide one day later than their normal pick up day:

Regular Collection Day		Holiday Week Collection Day
Monday 7/4	→	Tuesday 7/5
Tuesday 7/5	→	Wednesday 7/6
Wednesday 7/6	→	Thursday 7/7
Thursday 7/7	→	Friday 7/8
Friday 7/8	→	Saturday 7/9

## Declare Your Independence From Waste!

- According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average U.S. citizen generates 4.5 pounds of trash per day.
- Residents of Maryland are “above average”... creating over 7 pounds of trash per day! (Source: MD Dept. of the Environment)
- The United Nations Environment Program estimates that every square mile of ocean hosts 46,000 pieces of floating plastic. Remember, wherever you swim, play or picnic, pack out your trash if there are no disposal receptacles!
- In just one year, the energy lost from un-recycled cans is equal to approximately 16 million barrels of crude oil or enough power to supply electricity to 2.7 million homes for the year. (Source: Alcan Inc.)

## Great, Green Businesses: Lions and Tigers and...Recycling? Oh My!

*In each issue we like to feature one local business that has successfully struck a balance between going green and earning green. This month we're visiting a classic, fun family destination!*

When most people think of the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo ([www.cwpzoo.com](http://www.cwpzoo.com)) they immediately think of the cool, charismatic big animals—and rightfully so, as the collection is quite impressive. However, deeper exploration reveals another attraction we think is also exciting: one of the best reuse and recycling programs in Frederick County! While the facility recycles cans, bottles and paper like many other local businesses do, they also have some truly unique and creative reuse/recycling projects.

For starters, the Zoo gets crafty with concrete; retaining walls around the grounds are constructed from old concrete core samples, while otherwise unusable concrete beams are used to make animal enclosures as well as parking lot bumpers. Repurposed concrete slabs provide plenty of climbing area for the African Barbary Sheep.

Plenty of other materials that could have been destined for landfill disposal find their way into displays and grounds projects as well. Old fire hoses provide the very rare Tonkean Macaques with lots of “swing time”. The site’s walkways use discarded carpeting as a ground barrier just below the mulched surface. The new North American Small Animal Pavilion

displays are made from deconstructed racquetball court glass. Worn out tires have been used in the Safari area for play toys and as back scratchers by the American Bison. In the Koi pond an old horse trough has become part of the scenic water fall. On top of all that, the animals’ menu is enhanced with the addition of past-expiration food from local grocery stores.

“Reuse and recycling not only makes environmental sense, but it is fundamental to our financial strategy as well,” said Executive Director Richard Hahn. “It is an integral part of the mission of Global Wildlife Trust, our parent corporation.”

We commend the sustainable choices and innovative actions that help to create a green

environment for animal residents and zoo visitors alike.

*The Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, a 501(c)3 organization, is located at 13019 Catoctin Furnace Rd. in Thurmont. For more information on their extensive reuse and recycling practices or other zoo programs, please contact them at 301-271-3180 or send email to: [administration@cwpzoo.com](mailto:administration@cwpzoo.com).*



## Recycling Right at Home

**Eleven of Frederick County's recycling drop off centers have been closed as of July 1, 2011** (the Reichs Ford Road drop off facility remains open, Monday through Saturday 7am-4:30pm). These facilities were created so that single-family households that did not receive curbside service could still recycle. Now that all single-family homes can recycle right at the curb (that's more than 74,000 households!), the drop off centers were a duplication of service that cost more than \$413,000 to operate.

**But some curbside recyclers have been wondering what to do with more recyclables than will fit into a recycling cart?** Here are our tips: **1. Don't get boxed in!** Bulky boxes waste cart space. This packaging does not need to be flattened or cut down and can simply be set next to a cart. You can even fill boxes with other recyclable materials. You can also set excess recyclables next to a cart inside a paper bag or any open-top container clearly labeled for recycling. **2. Up-Size!** Did you know most homes have a 65-gallon cart and that this can be exchanged for a 95-gallon cart at no cost? Visit [www.LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org](http://www.LearnMoreRecycleBetter.org) to order a larger cart today. **3. Get a lease!** A second cart can be leased from the County for a one-time, fully refundable fee. For more info, call 301-600-2960.

Another common question is **how can those who live in apartments and condominiums participate in recycling?** Frederick County does not provide waste collection (recycling or trash) for businesses. In the case of multi-family properties, generally a landlord or property management company arranges for waste collection. Did you know that many of the same haulers who collect trash also provide recycling collection? These haulers pay \$76 per ton to bring trash to the landfill, but only \$25 per ton to bring recyclables.

Recycling at home is a practical and environmentally-friendly way to manage materials and can be quite cost-effective too. Since a great deal of the waste that most households produce can be recycled, **a property manager could see their total waste disposal fees decrease as a result of implementing a recycling program.** To that end, there are local multi-family housing units that have already started providing recycling service for their residents, and any other local business can recycle as well. Several local communities have also decreased the frequency of their trash collection due to the implementation of recycling, further reducing overall waste management costs.

**We encourage residents of multi-family properties to discuss these possibilities with their property manager. If a business needs assistance in determining how a recycling program could be designed to match its needs, the Department of Solid Waste Management can provide support**—from aid in assessing the waste stream, to resources for contacting recycling haulers, to offering training sessions. Mr. David Helmecki is Frederick County's Commercial Recycling Program Coordinator. He can provide assistance to any business (including apartment and condominium complexes) wishing to begin or expand a recycling program. Dave can be contacted at 301-600-7404, or at [DHelmecki@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:DHelmecki@FrederickCountyMD.gov). There is also a free, **useful guidebook for business recycling** and integrated waste management available for viewing or download online at: [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/BusinessRecycle](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/BusinessRecycle).

We appreciate the interest in and support for recycling expressed by many residents and local businesses. It is our hope that hope that the benefits of single-stream recycling may become available to everyone, wherever they are in Frederick County.



### Do you "Like" Recycling?

The Department of Solid Waste Management has a Facebook page that is a great community resource for questions, updates and information about all things recycling and sometimes even contests too! "Like" our page to stay-up-to-date on anything that may affect your curbside service, from severe weather to road closures to holidays. Find us online at [www.Facebook.com/FrederickRecycles](http://www.Facebook.com/FrederickRecycles).

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